left hand side of each section 25 are slightly offset inwardly with respect to the top and bottom extremities of said section to accommodate the outermost eye members 27—27 of the adjacent section so that the top surfaces of the top eye members 27 will be flush with each other and the underneath surfaces of the bottom eye members 27 will also be flush with each other. Between the eye members at opposite sides of each section 25, the plate portion thereof is provided with a vertical row of countersunk screw receiving openings 31. To the left of the eye members thereof the plate portion of the section 26 is provided with a similar row of screw receiving openings, also indicated by 31.

The eye members of the hinge leaf A and the eye members of the sections 25 and 26 of the hinge leaf B are all suitably reenforced by horizontal strengthening ribs or flanges, as shown.

In the complete hinge, as shown in Figure 4, the hinge eyes 22—22—22 of the leaf A are engaged within the openings between the eyes 27—28—28—27 of the section 25 at the right hand end of the flexible leaf B, and the eyes of the same are connected by the pivot pin C extending through the openings of said eyes. The flexible hinge leaf B and the rigid leaf A are thus joined for pivotal or hinging movement. Each section 25 has the eyes 29—29—29, which are at the left hand side thereof, interposed between the eyes 27—28—28—27 of the adjacent section 25 and the extreme left hand end section 25 has the eyes 29—29—29 thereof interposed between the eyes 27—28—28—27 of the section 26. Pivot pins 32—32 pivotally connect the sections 25—25 to each other and the end section 26 to the left hand end section 25, each pin extending through the aligned openings of the eyes 27—28—28—27 and 29—29—29 of adjacent sections.

As will be evident, by pivotally joining or articulating the sections of the leaf B, the latter is flexibly adjustable to fit door posts of varying exterior contour.

As shown most clearly in Figures 1, 2, and 3, the hinge leaf A is secured to the door 12 and the flexible leaf B to the door post. Any suitable securing means may be used for this purpose, but screws are preferably employed, the hinge leaf A being secured by relatively heavy screws 33 extending through the openings 24 of said leaf and into the door, and the hinge leaf B being secured by somewhat lighter screws 34 extending through the openings 31 of the sections 25—25—25—25—25—26 and into the door post.

As shown in Figures 1 and 2, the hinge plate B is secured to the post 13 which is of square cross section and the sections 25—25 thereof adjacent the leaf A are secured to the front face of the post, and the sections 25—25 and 26 at the free end thereof secured to the side face of the post, while the intermediate section 25 extends across the corner of said post.

As shown in Figure 3, when the hinge is applied to a corner post 17 having a curved or rounded outer surface, the sections 25—25—25—25—25—26 of the leaf B, due to the hinged connection between the same, accommodate themselves to the curved contour of the post so that the leaf B fits snugly against the post throughout its length.

Although the hinge is preferably mounted in the manner disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 so that the leaf A hinges on the leaf B about the pivot provided by the pin C, the hinge may be mounted in such a manner that the door will swing about one of the pivots 32 of the flexible hinge plate B, if desired, by leaving the proper section or sections of the leaf B unsecured to pivot about a certain pivotal connection. For example, if securing screws of the first hinge section 25 adjacent the leaf A are not employed, thereby leaving said first section 25 unsecured, the hinge may be swung about the pivot 32 between the first and second sections 25—25. In the same manner by leaving the first two sections 25 adjacent the leaf A unsecured the parts will hinge about the pivot pin 32 between the second and third sections. Similarly, by leaving the proper number of sections 25 unsecured, the hinging movement may be obtained on any selected pivot 32, so that, if found desirable, the door may be mounted to swing to a fully open position alongside the side wall of the truck body, that is, along the wall 16.

I have herein shown and described what I now consider the preferred manner of carrying out my invention, but the same is merely illustrative and I contemplate all changes and modifications that come within the scope of the claim appended hereto.

I claim:

In a hinge for a door swingable with respect to a support, the combination with an elongated rigid hinge leaf secured to the door; of an elongated platelike flexible hinge butt comprising a series of articulated sections, said sections being of greater width than length, each of said sections being provided with a plurality of screw receiving openings, all arranged in a straight row across the width of said section and adapted to receive screws for securing said section to the door support, said hinge leaf being also provided with a plurality of screw receiving openings adapted to accommodate screws for securing the hinge leaf to the door; and means pivotally connecting the hinge leaf to said hinge butt.

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